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2/22/45

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yesterday at noon. Still a lot work.

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(over)

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I love you,  
Nina

P.S. Will have a ~~paid~~ payday  
about the 28<sup>th</sup> & will  
start to reimburse you.

Love & Kisses,  
Nina

P. S. S. Bring me some P.M.s  
if you can, 'cause I'm about  
to the point of picking up  
"Gats" out of the gutter.

Nina Stephenson  
135 S. Wilton Dr  
Hollywood, California  
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Rina Steffensen  
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2/27/45

Hello Darling.

Meant to write yesterday,  
but was kept busier than busy  
all day.

Sure hated to see you leave  
Sunday night. I miss you already.

I guess you know, little boy,  
that I love you more since  
you went to Miss. Silly isn't it?  
But truly, I do. They say that  
~~absence~~ makes the heart grow  
fonder. But it wasn't your absence  
that made me love you more.

Remind me to tell you the reason  
sometimes.

I'm hoping you'll be in  
tomorrow night.

I'm going to the Pugles tonight.  
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her I was coming over! She said

she was glad I called early  
so she'd have all day to get  
over the shock. I haven't been  
over since we went over during  
Xmas.

I'll call home before I go  
to see if I have a letter from  
you. If I do - I'll go home  
first - if not I'll go on over  
from work.

I love you very much,  
Rina.

P.S. Love me a little bit more. O.K.?

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Nina

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Nina Stephenson

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3-12-45

Hello Stinky:

I'd just like to remind you that you can deduct \$5.00 from my account, on account of I didn't receive that letter today. I just called home to be sure. Of course there is a chance that it will come in the afternoon mail----if so you can add \$5.00 to my account. Okay?

I called Mother yesterday afternoon. Got to talk to little Alfred too. Mother said hello or something like that.

The boss has been gone all day. I've been sitting here thinking all day.

Mrs. Taylor's cold is still no better.

The dog chewed up one of Lady's good bedroom slippers yesterday afternoon.

I'll get paid the 15th and will make another payment on what I owe. Don't worry, I'll get it paid just as soon as I can. I wish I had it to give back to you all in one lump sum, but there's nothing I can do about it.

Washed my hair after you left yesterday and I have a new hair-do. I created it myself.

Well, guess I'd better be on my way.

Miss you, love you,

*Nina*  
Nina

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ow are my four children?

See is of course part of my family and Marjory is getting a carbon copy of this. It will have to be addressed to Brock for he is the one who has written last. What do you do with your time Bob that I do not get so many letters as I used to?

I would have thought at this letter that apologies are in order. Kathryn is using the good type writer to rattle out her senior theme. And I am also invited as it is really her senior. We are having a great summer - Just like 1906 in Michigan - she is the safest place to go south!

This evening I have my annual report to write and from the appearance of things it will be some time that I will get it ready to mail it.

That brings up the fact that we are doing a land office business this year. and will continue as we are now asked to conduct about 10,000 articles for the children in Guam besides estimating for the 33,000 in the rest of the Marianas Islands and Palau. For the children in the islands more than the Juniors can count. Next year a private company is working with me and they expect to do 100,000 to 120,000 of all articles possibly less as least 40 of them will be sent to us here to be ever where needed around the world.

Please excuse my spelling as I am not quite ready for a L.A. pass - don't mind me. I am writing to you as I often do. Write back in time as you can. I am still here at the same address. I'm very pleased to receive your post card from the day that you were born. Loved it just as much when you wrote it.

Some day I am going to run over to the office to see you off to wherever I can get you. Wait until you get to the office, you will find that you will be right with all the good food you can eat, a bath and a haircut. You will be well dressed and you will be in the spartanire and I hope so I'll look forward to it. At this I say to you when you come.

Yes K will be in L.A. this fall for a visit with the folks before she goes to college. of course. And she will just have to see her two big brothers, she's no small girl any more you will hardly know her.

She and I both had water to the nose. I am still at Pearl Harbor last night. And the one I am still reliving every day at the night time. I hope I've got it. But I am not so good as I was a week ago. In addition, the I am not so good as I was a week ago.

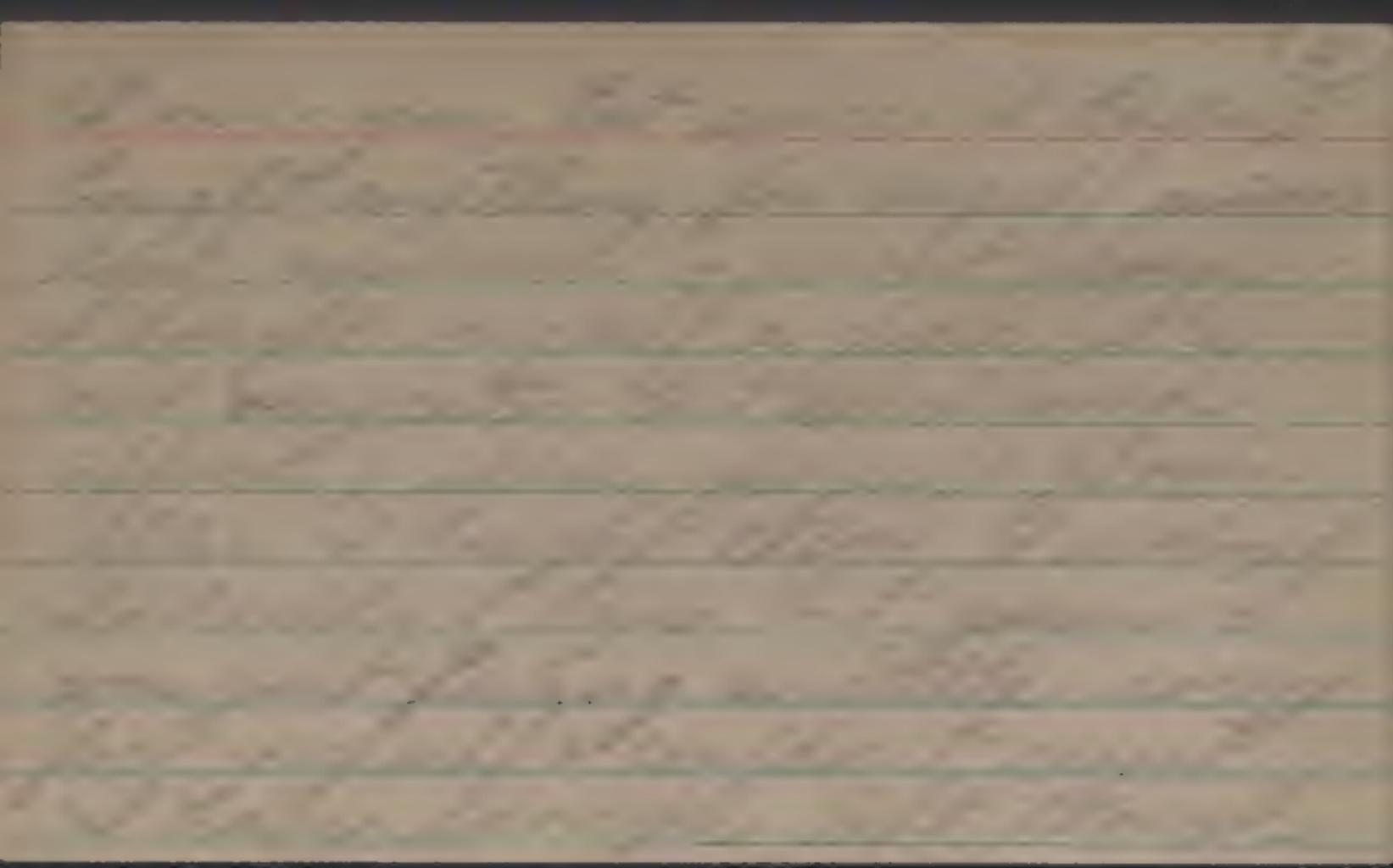
No time for the annual report so that I can get my beauty sleep during the day. I will do it. Many more soon the "incorp."

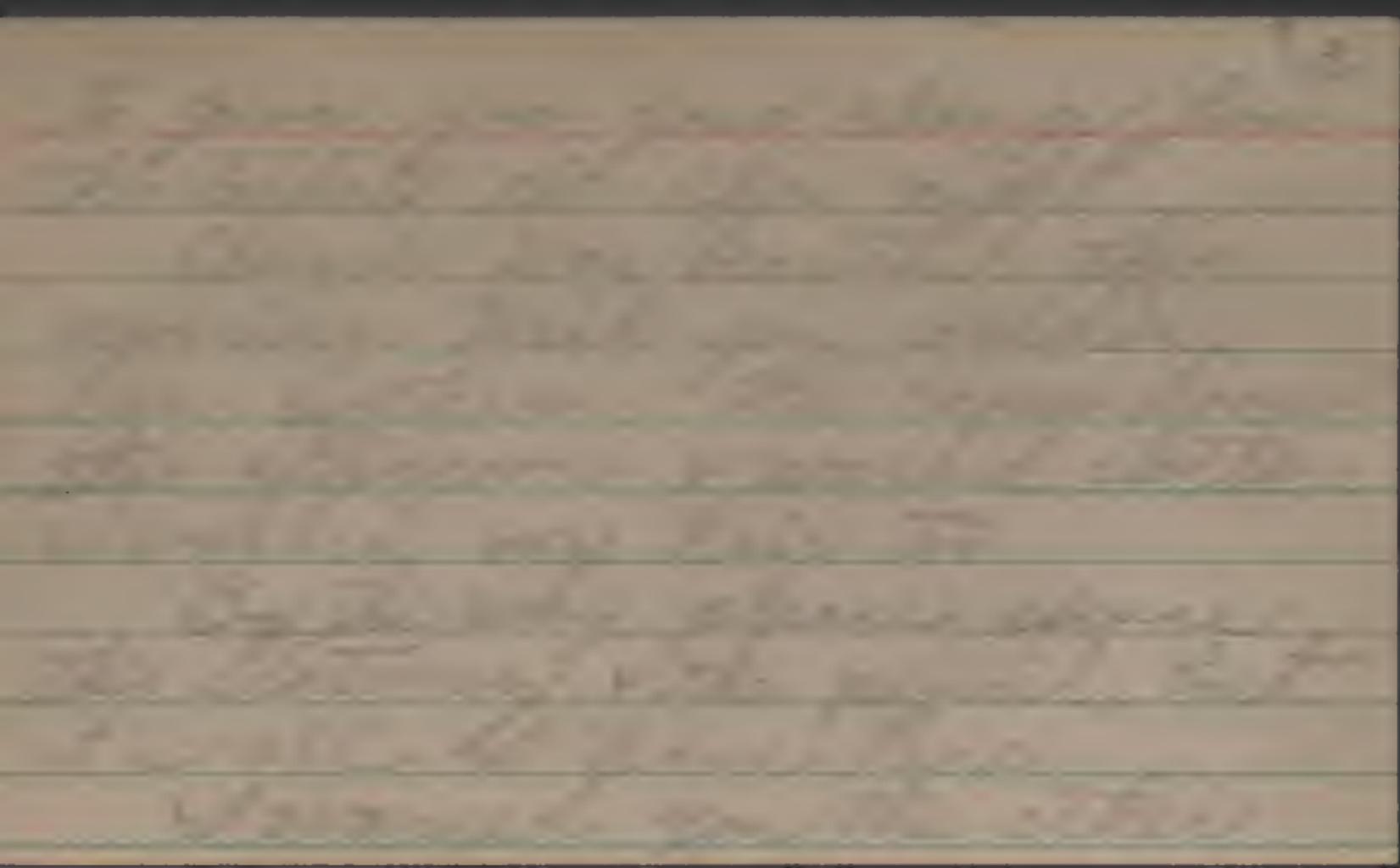
I love to talk to you, and the most day good night kiss?

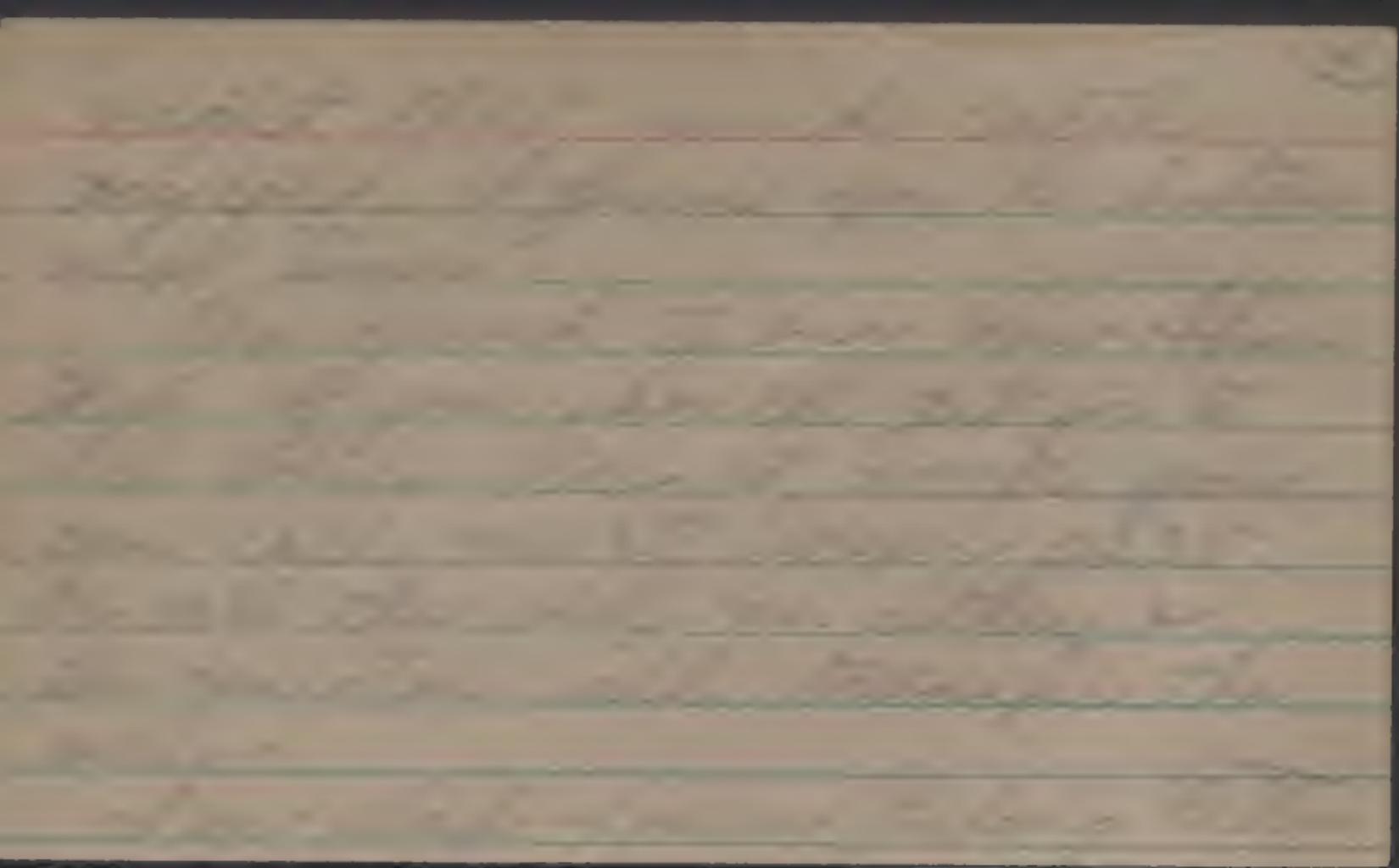
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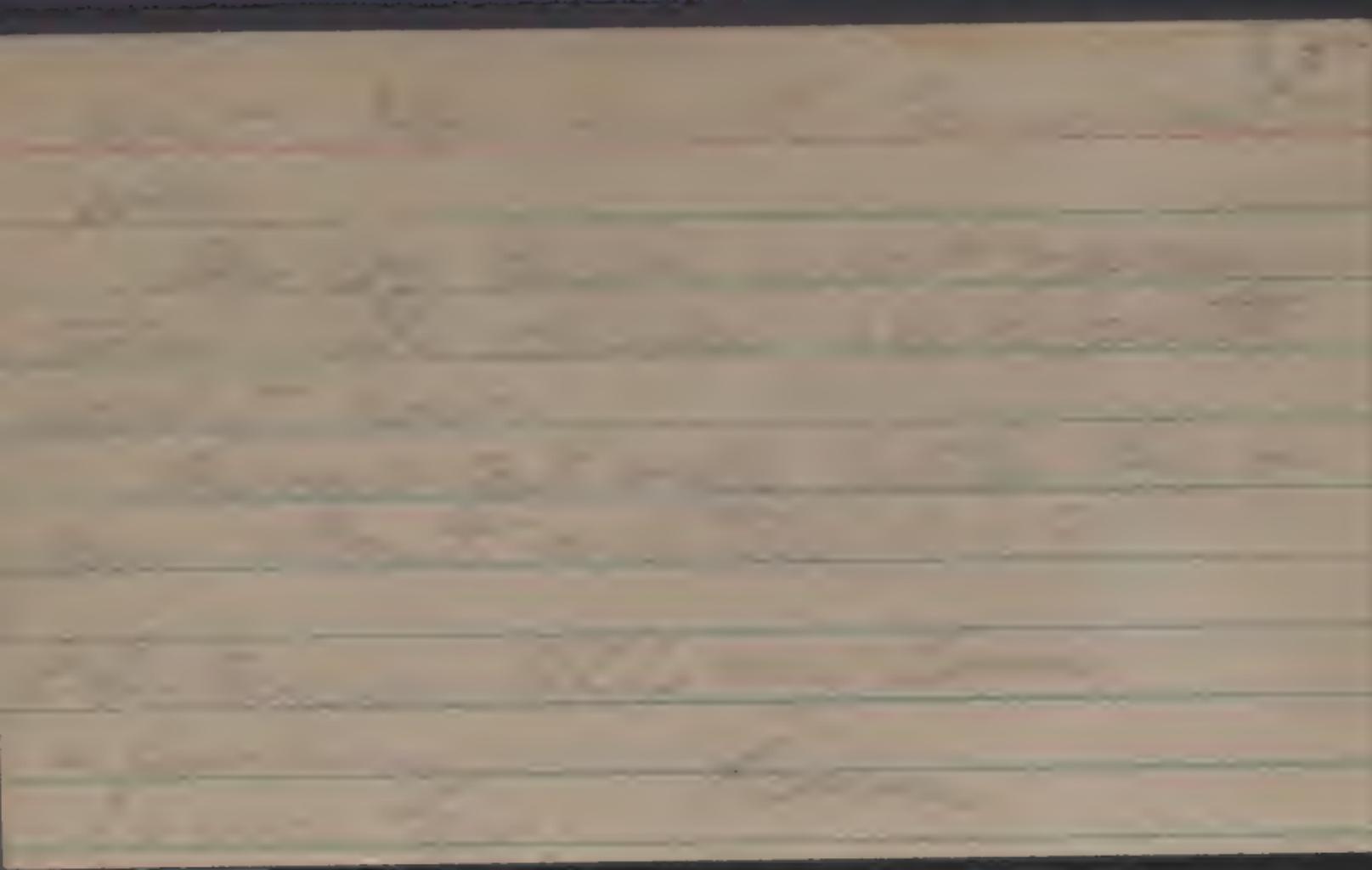
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Sunday night  
April 1, 1945

Hi Darlin,

I'm awfully glad you called today. Missed you terribly this weekend.

Lady U I went shopping Saturday as we both had the day off. You may shoot me for spending money instead of paying you what I owe you, but since I hadn't bought anything for myself since last summer - except shoes - I bought myself a dress (it's not very cute, but all I could afford), shoes, purse, and gloves. After I bought them I realized I shouldn't have, but guess I was just feeling a little sorry for myself & I couldn't resist. I have enough left though to give you your change from the tickets the other night.

Church was beautiful this morning. Wish you could've been with us. We came home this afternoon & washed clothes. I washed my hair too.

By the way, please excuse the stationary and the pencil, but it's all I have here.

I warned you the other night that you'd catch my cold. I guess you'll listen next time.

We moved to our new offices Wed. If you should get in to L.A. while I'm at work you can call me at Drexel 5235 or call the old no. either & the operator will transfer the call.

I'm glad you're feeling better now. Hope you'll be in real soon.

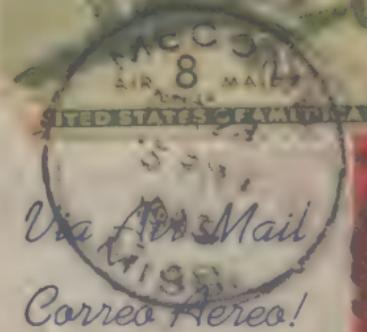
The dog killed a rat & a mouse today. She thinks she's pretty smart now.

Hurry & get well little boy, & how about a letter OK?

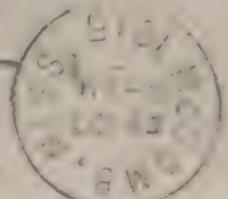
All my love, Nina

PS Here're a few Kisses XXXXX

Mississ.  
EX 7-2-5  
Mississippi



1935. James Robert Marshall  
Sgt H 421st Cavalry



Par Avion

Magnolia Miss  
Sun. night.

Dearest Children.

Believe it or not. the Packard

is fixed. I drove it home yesterday.  
It runs just fine. Mr Frazer said  
if you had it, he felt sure you wouldn't  
want to see it. I thought I'd drive it a  
few days and put my Ford in the shop  
for a tightening up job but I'm afraid  
some thing might happen to it. I told  
Graham, to sell it soon as possible.  
Will enclose copy of bill. We will  
get as we can for it and want take  
less than you paid for it here this  
bill. Some man asked Mr Frazer if I  
would trade it for a 1940 Ford. Betty  
Jean drove it to a Dr. party yesterday. think  
she felt right big driving a Packard.

Per, honey, I certainly hope you are feeling  
much better. Am glad you went to see  
your doctor and am anxious to hear  
what he thinks is your trouble. From  
what Bob wrote first I thought the doctor's  
was what you needed and they would  
soon kick you out.

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was gutted and the kitchen and cafe  
burned bad. I went out Sat. to see  
if I could get the cookes for the Cafe  
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promised to help them work things out  
and straighten up but talked like they  
right here. I'm going back to see them  
one day this week. & the Rebels are  
going to take my kitchen for a group  
camp, I'm so relieved. Went on out  
and bought some Chickens from Mrs.  
Brumfield (Grandy) She ask about  
you all. She said that Humphrey  
Brumfield is some where in Germany  
and that he often look for a report &

Eva, Fal, Mamma and Lena didn't  
come for the duck and that Mr. Hiller  
(a by our house) his wife, daughter and  
son in last week. Tel. had to operate  
and couldn't come so they plan to come  
Wednesday. I havent been taking my  
pills I got last so don't know if there  
many left. The park was free of people  
visiting me week.

The hearing of Jack has been put off until next Monday and it's good thing for we don't have a doll like before them come & the reason for postponing it was that the Big 8 took out as to be held in 1913 back for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. and it's to be on the day of M. Comm Graduation exercises. Of course that will be at night but think how tired we will be and how many times we will have to go up & down stairs that don't help me from carrying my baby right in airplane.

Rosie, I'm so sorry about Blanch Smith. She is making Blanch Smith and they can't wait here longer. Dick and his mother and we don't like it so much but don't think long or you will get sick.

Think he can?

You know I'm just beginning to realize that our President is really dead. I guess I do yet that he was needed too badly to die. Bless his heart, I felt that some member of my family had gone. When I heard the bulletin I said "no it can't be". My heart free lost their best friend. I believe we have a good man now but I guess he's not going with Roosevelt and I don't like it. Try to think the best that he went at this time or don't see how he could

carry on much longer. And may be  
the program and dreams will get  
carried out. I pray so.

See you later. I love you - oh huge  
Mother.

Magnolia, Miss  
April 23, 1945

Dearest Children,

Believe it or not the Packard is fixed. I drove it home yesterday. It runs just fine. Mr. Frazier said if you had it he felt sure you wouldn't want to sell it. I thought I'd drive it a few days and put my Ford in the shop for a tightening up job but I'm afraid something might happen to it. I told Hobson to sell it soon as possible. Will enclose copy of bill. "We will get all we can for it and won't take less than you paid for it plus this bill. Some man asked Mr. Frazier if I would trade it for a 1940 Ford. Betty Jean drove it to a Sr. party yesterday. Think she felt right big driving a Packard.

Bee Honey, I certainly hope you are feeling much better. Am glad you went to see your doctor and am anxious to hear what he thinks is your trouble. From what Bob wrote first I thought the liver shot was what you needed and they would soon pick you up.

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Lena, Tal, mamma and Lena didn't come for the weekend but Mr. Hilaman (one of our bosses) he wife, daughter and son in law came. Tal had to operate and couldn't come so they plan to come Tuesday. I haven't been berry picking since I got lost so don't know if there are many left. The park was full of people hiking all week.

The opening of park has been put off till 25<sup>th</sup> of May and it's good thing for we won't have a full lake before then. One of the reasons for postponing it was that the Big 8 track meet is to be held in McComb on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Now it's to be on the day of McComb graduations exercise. Of course that will be at night but think how tired we will be and how many things I will be needing to do. Of course that won't keep me from seeing my baby get her diploma.

Brock, Jep is rushing Blanc Russell. They come out her often. Vicki said his mother and dad doesn't like it one bit but don't think they've mentioned it to him. May be he's trying to make a good girl out of her. Think he can?

You know I'm just beginning to realize that our President is really dead. Guess we felt that he was needed too badly to die. Bless his heart. I felt that some member of my family had gone. When I heard the bulletin I said "no, it can't be". My boys have lost their best friend. I believe we have a good man now but of course he can't compare

with Roosevelt and knows it. I try to think it's best that he went at this time for don't see how he could carry on much longer. And maybe his program and dreams will be carried out. I pray so.

See you later. I love you - oh heaps

Mother

Friday

Dear Mother and all:

Guess what we are out of stationary, but guess this will do. Received your letter this A.M. and glad to hear that everything is going so well. Sure glad Anna and Jessie are doing so well. Too bad about Anna but sure hope she doesn't let it happen again. I am about to get well again & have lost all of my swelling and kinda look like myself again. I feel fine but have to stay in bed for two more weeks. Sure be glad to get going again. I don't know whether I will have my job or not when I get ready to go back to work. I want home but a month left to work but could take use the pay.

Sure glad Sheldon goes Broch that suit. By the way is Lena going to pay him the \$20. a week and is he getting his unemployment pay? Sure hope so far know he needs it. I wish I could say when would be the best time for us to come for the wedding, but it depends on how soon they let me up and etc. I think as I expect I will be able but the Doctors don't seem to agree. As soon as I find out something I will & I will let him know. Does he have any special date if so let me know and I will try to make my plan meet his.

So you now have a horse on the farm. Sure hope he is a good place horse for it would sure make it nice for the garden. Then you will soon have some chickens & stuff before long.

We'll be on in the this room apt and sure like it. we have got some painting and cleaning up to do but that is expected I guess. we get this apt with a garage for same price as other which makes it more pleasant. we bought us a Hollywood bed and sure like it.

Well no news so will see you later. Give my love to all.

Your kids  
Bob & Bel

Friday, spring 1945\*

Dear Mother and all,

Guess what we are out of stationary but guess this will do. Received your letter this A.M and glad to hear that everything is going so well. Sure glad Ava and Jean are doing so well. Too bad about Ava but sure hope she doesn't let it happen again. I am about to get well again. I have lost all of my swelling and kinda look like myself again. I feel fine but have to stay in bed for two more weeks. Sure be glad to get going again. I don't know whether I will have my job our not when I get ready to go back to work. I won't have but a month left to work but could sure use the pay.

Sure glad Sheldon gave Brock that suit. By the way is Lena going to pay him the \$20 a week and is he getting unemployment pay? Sure hope so for know he needs it. I wish I could say when would be the best time for us to come for the wedding, but it depends on how soon they let me up and ect. I think in 2 weeks I will be able but the doctors don't seem to agree. As soon as I find out something definite I will let him know. Does he have any special date if so let me know ad I will try to make my plans meet his.

So you now have a horse on the farm. Sure hope he is a good plow horse for it would sure make it nice for the garden. Guess you will soon have some chickens & stuff before long.

Well we are in the three room apt and sure like it. We have got some painting and cleaning up to do but that is expected I guess. We get this apt with a garage for same price as other which makes it more pleasant. We bought us a Hollywood bed and sure like it.

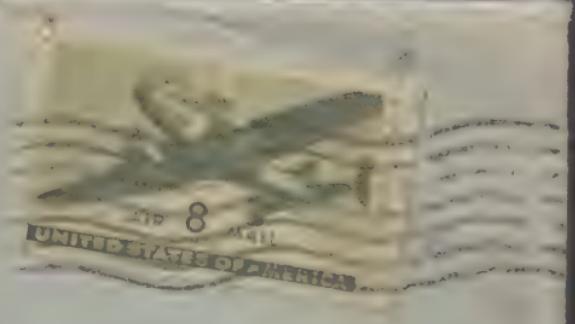
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Your kids

Bob and Bee

\*Bob and Bee were married in January of 1945. It sounds like they were in their second home, so this letter was probably written in the spring of 1945

Watty is sick  
negative this.



Mr. Sgt. Salvatore C. Morelli  
401 Base Unit Sq. H

A. A. D.

Munro, Calif.

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Aug. 1, 1945

Dear old Gal,

Well after so long a time  
I'm finally writing you. I  
won't say I've been too  
busy, cause I've had nothing  
of time on my hands, but  
I just haven't been in the  
mood. In fact I've written  
a little to you twice and then  
left you.

I've had lots of fun lately,  
except for the few days last  
week I had poison ivy. In case  
you're wondering how I got it,  
I let your little 15 yr. old

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you talk me out going with  
Horn to stay at home. Well,  
everytime a car would pass, they  
would drive me out a ditch. I  
landed in briars, trees - and  
roaring!

Dot. with I dated Robert  
McGlo from Jackson. He bought  
two dogs from Jackson and  
Betty dated one of them. We  
had a swell time. One of the  
dogs had never done the square  
dances and I talked him into try-  
ing one. I taught it him till  
O went!

Mon. nite I had a date with  
Jack Enochs to go to the Pink  
for supper, but they close on  
Mon. so we had to go on down  
to Kentwood. Again Bitty dated  
with me and again we had a  
Marvelous time.

I dated Jack again last nite  
and we went to the show. Afterward  
we drove down to his house and  
had a coke and played some records  
and danced. He is certainly a nice  
date - carbie has about three  
cars and a station wagon to choose  
from and money to burn - above

all, he's a gentleman. Guess what,  
he just drool up so guess I  
better quit writing about him.

I'll close now and write  
again later, not as late as  
it was this time, I promise.  
With me.

Love ya lots,  
Jean

P.S. This is going to be good.  
Here comes Jack to ask me  
to go swimming and I can't. I  
hope he isn't as hard to convince  
as you Brock.

August 1, 1945

Dearest Ones,

Well, after so long a time I'm finally writing you. I won't say I've been too busy cause I've had oodles of time on my hands, but I just haven't been in the mood. In fact, I've started a letter to you twice and tor it up.

I've had lots of fun lately. Except for the few days last week I had Poison Ivy. In case you're wondering how I got it, I let your little 15 year old boys talk me into going with them to steal watermelons. Well, every time a car would pass, they would shove me into a ditch. I landed in briars, trees-and Poison Ivy!

Sat night I dated Robert Nickey from Jackson. He brought two boys from Jackson and Betty dated one of them. We had a swell time. One of the boys had never done the square dance and I talked him into trying it once. I laughed at him till I hurt!

Mon. night I had a date with Jack Enochs to go to the Pink for supper, but they close on Mon. so we had to ho on down to Kentwood. Again Betty dated with me and again we had a marvelous time.

I dated Jack again last night and we went to the show. Afterwards we drove down to his house and had a cake and played some records and danced. He is certainly a nice date-cute, has about three cars and a station wagon to choose from and money to burn. Above all, he's a gentleman. Guess what he just drove up so guess I better quit writing about him.

I'll close now and write again later, not as late as it was this time, I promise.  
Write me.

Love you lots,

Jean

P.S. This is going to be good. Here comes Jack to ask me to go swimming and I can't. I hope he isn't as hard to convince as you Brock.

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ABOUT DISCHARGE HOPE YOU BOTH GET ONE SOON. WE ARE WORKING  
AWFULLY HARD NO HELP HOW DID PACKARD SO LOVE YOU LOTS=  
MOTHER=